

Mr. Gaber responded that a public informational meeting will be held on March 18, 1999 to present information and discuss preliminary plans for the Hamlin Road project. He invited everyone to attend and added that notice of the meeting will be sent to neighborhood residents.

Mr. John Przybysz, 3120 Primrose Drive, asked Mr. Dalton if he traveled to Grand Rapids when he was first elected. He also inquired if City Attorney Ternan's law firm, Beier Howlett, ever represented Avon Township and Biltmore Properties or Meijers at the same time.

Mr. Dalton responded that he attended a weekend seminar, for newly elected City Council members, in Grand Rapids with Mr. Robbins.

City Attorney Ternan responded that he joined the law firm in 1988 and the question posed by Mr. Przybysz dealt with an issue that occurred in 1978.

Mr. Herb Boschen, 2199 London Bridge Drive, thanked Council for their support by denying the East Hampton Wetland Permit.

Mr. Gaber responded that Mayor Snell vetoed the Resolution denying the Wetland Use Permit for East Hampton, so the process will start over. The issue will be put back on the floor as it originally came before Council to consider approval or denial. It will be put on a future agenda after a three week period, however it has not been scheduled at this time.

Mr. Robbins read an email he received from Ms. Terry Floeter, 191 Grace Avenue, which expressed her opposition to the Martin Farms SAD paving project.

10. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

10a. Appointments to City Council Communications Committees (Council received copy of "Worksheet for Appointments to City Council Communications Committees, with attachment)

Council Members discussed their assignments to various committees.

Ms. Somerville noted there is a State law that may prohibit the Liquor Committee from serving at the pleasure of the Administration and Information Services Committee.

Ms. Hill responded the issue had been researched and the Liquor Committee was created under City Council resolution.

Mr. Gaber inquired if there is any legal requirement or State law that a City have a Liquor Committee to review license requests, etc.

City Attorney Ternan responded no, he does not know of any legal requirement.

Mr. Dalton stated the Liquor Committee has been an advisory committee that would make recommendations to City Council and is confident the Administration and Information Services Committee can handle that function as part of their assignment.

Resolution 1999-0093

MOTION by Robbins, seconded by Dalton,

Resolved, that City Council Members John Gaber, Susan deCausin, and Melinda

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Hill, be appointed to the **Community Development & Viability Committee**; and

Be it Further Resolved, that City Council Members John Dalton, Gerald Robbins, and Pat Somerville, be appointed to the **Financial Services Committee**; and

Be it Further Resolved, that City Council Members Melinda Hill, Gerald Robbins, and Pat Somerville, be appointed to the **Leisure Activities Committee**; and

Be it Finally Resolved, that City Council Members Susan deCaussin, Melinda Hill, and Lois Golden, be appointed to the **Administration & Information Services Committee**.

Ayes: Gaber, Dalton, deCaussin, Golden, Hill, Robbins, Somerville

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

- 10b. **Amendment to Public Safety Bylaws** (Council received copy of memo dated February 11, 1999, from Susan Galeczka, City Council Liaison, with attachments)

Resolution 1999-0094

MOTION by deCaussin, seconded by Robbins,

Resolved, to **RESCIND** the Motion relating to the establishment of the Public Safety Committee adopted at the Regular City Council Meeting held on January 21, 1998:

Resolution 1998-0040

MOTION by Robbins, seconded by Somerville,

Whereas, the City Council recognizes that all policy issues concerning public safety are of the highest priority, and

Whereas, it is the desire of City Council to improve the degree of interaction and promote more effective communication with the City Administration on such issues, and

Whereas, the City Council also desires to form a standing committee to review issues of public safety as they relate to policy changes,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council does hereby establish a Public Safety Committee ("Committee"), whose membership shall consist of three members of the City Council, to be appointed by City Council, and no less than three members of the City Administration, to be appointed by the Mayor, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the City Council does hereby appoint members Linda Raschke, Gerald Robbins and John Dalton to be its representatives on the Committee, and

Be it Further Resolved, that only the three council members shall be voting members of the Committee, and

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Be It Further Resolved, that the City Council may refer to the Committee policy matters of public safety, which shall include fire protection, police protection, emergency medical service, traffic and pedestrian safety, and emergency planning and operations; and the Committee shall have the responsibility of reviewing and making progress reports and final recommendations to City Council on those policy matters, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Mayor and administrative staff may bring public safety issues to the Committee, which issues shall include fire protection, police protection, emergency medical service, traffic and pedestrian safety, and emergency planning and operations; and the

Committee shall have the responsibility of reviewing, discussing, and advising the Mayor and administrative staff about those public safety issues, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Committee shall not be limited to issues referred to it and may discuss and make recommendations to the City Council on any matter involving public safety in the City, and

Be It Finally Resolved, that the Committee shall provide the City Council with copies of its minutes and otherwise keep the council advised of its work. The City Council, by the adoption of an appropriate resolution, may direct or redirect the Committee's efforts on any issue under discussion or review.

Ayes: Gaber, Dalton, deCaussin, Golden, Hill, Robbins, Somerville
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

10b.ii Amendment to Public Safety Bylaws

Resolution 1999-0095
(Resolution 1999-0048) as Amended and Readopted

MOTION by deCaussin, seconded by Robbins,

Resolved, that the Resolution 1999-0048 adopted by the Rochester Hills City Council at its Regular Work Session held on January 27, 1999 as follows:

MOTION by Hill, seconded by deCaussin

Whereas, it is the desire of City Council to improve the degree of interaction and promote more effective communication with the City Administration, and

Whereas, the City Council also desires to form Council committees to review issues that relate to policy matters,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council does hereby establish the following City Council Communications Committees,

- a. Community Development & Viability Committee, whose purpose shall be to review policy matters of community development and viability, including such issues as land development and maintenance, economic development and maintenance, and infrastructure

- development and maintenance.
- b. Financial Services Committee, whose purpose shall be to review financial policy matters, including budget issues, capital improvement plan, long-term financial planning, millage rates, water and sewer rates, fees, charges, and grants.
 - c. Leisure Activities Committee, whose purpose shall be to review policy matters of leisure activities, including such issues as city parks, museum, Environmental Education Center, community events, and interlocal recreational facilities and programs.
 - d. Administration & Information Services Committee, whose purpose shall be to review policy matters of general government and information services, including such issues as communications, information technology, salaries and per diems, Class C licenses, elections, and municipal organizations.

Be It Further Resolved, that each committee's membership shall consist of three members of the City Council, to be appointed by City Council, and members of the City Administration, to be appointed by the Mayor, and

Be it Further Resolved, that only the three council members shall be voting members of the committees, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the City Council may refer to the committees policy matters and the committees shall have the responsibility of reviewing and making progress reports and final recommendations to City Council on those policy matters, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Mayor and administrative staff may bring issues to the committees; and the committees shall have the responsibility of reviewing, discussing, and advising the Mayor and administrative staff about those issues, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the committees shall not be limited to issues referred to it and may discuss and make recommendations to the City Council on any policy matters within the purview of each committee.

Be amended by adding the following committee:

- e. Public Safety Committee, whose purpose shall be to review policy matters of public safety, including fire protection, police protection, emergency medical service, traffic and pedestrian safety, and emergency planning and operations

Be It Further Resolved, that the resolution as amended is hereby readopted by the City Council as follows:

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Ayes: Gaber, Dalton, deCaussin, Golden, Hill, Robbins
Nays: Somerville
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

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Resolution 1999-0096

MOTION by Robbins, seconded by deCaussin,

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Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby agrees to Amend the Public Safety Committee Bylaws and Rules of Procedure, with the indicated changes to Article II, Section 1: "The Committee shall consist of three (3) members of City Council, appointed by Council, and ~~not less than three (3) members of the Administration, members of the City Administration, to be appointed by the Mayor~~".

Ayes: Gaber, Dalton, deCaussin, Golden, Hill, Robbins
Nays: Somerville
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

- 10c. **Amendment to City Council Rules of Procedure** (Council received copy of memo dated January 28, 1999, from John Gaber, City Council President, with attachments)

Proposed changes to the City Council's Rules of Procedures to implement changes in City Council committee appointing responsibility were presented to Council Members in accordance with the process for amending the Rules of Procedure.

Council discussed changes to the Rules of Procedures pertaining to the taking of Minutes at the Standing Committee meetings. It was noted that a secretary would be provided to take minutes at the five Standing Committee meetings. The Chairperson would decide if a written or verbal report would be provided to Council.

Resolution 1999-0097

MOTION by Robbins, seconded by Somerville,

Resolved, to Suspend Section III A, Number 3 of *City Council Rules of Procedure*, which refers to ending meetings at 11:00 p.m, so that the meeting can continue.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Gaber, Dalton, Hill, Robbins, Somerville
Nays: deCaussin, Golden
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Hill distributed a copy of a followup Resolution by the Communications Committee for Council's consideration regarding the dissolution of eight City Council appointed committees and having them serve at the pleasure of the five Standing Committees.

Mr. Dalton requested that notification of March 1, 1999, to members currently serving on the City Council appointed committees, be changed to April 1, 1999.

Ms. Somerville read a letter received from Mr. Scott Hunter, Member of the Parks Advisory Board, expressing his concern with the City Council decision to eliminate some of the Boards and Commissions.

(Attorney Ternan exit 11:10 p.m.)

Ms. Hill noted that the Communications Committee will report back to Council at the March

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3, 1999, City Council Meeting, with clarification of the Resolution under discussion.

Mr. Gaber reminded Council that a Budget Work Session will be February 24, 1999; the topic for discussion is the Water & Sewer Fund. He stated that members of the Water and Sewer Advisory Board have been invited to attend.

11. ADMINISTRATION

11a. Proposed Ordinance Amendments of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan (First Readings) (Council received copy of memo dated January 29, 1999, from Kenneth D. Snell, Mayor, with attachments)

11a.i An Ordinance to amend Section 5-07.04 of Chapter 5-07, Dangerous Buildings, to specify that the Hearing Officer's decision and order concerning demolition of structures within Historic Districts shall be subject to the procedural requirements of Subsection 4-06.07.09 of the Code of Ordinances, repeal conflicting ordinances, and prescribe a penalty for violations

11a.ii An Ordinance to amend Section 4-06.07 of Chapter 4-06, Historic Districts, to modify provisions concerning City Council review of Historic Districts Commission decisions regarding demolition of dangerous structures, repeal conflicting ordinances and prescribe a civil fine for violations

Mr. Robbins presented the Motion, supported by Mr. Dalton.

Ms. Hill and Ms. Golden concurred that these Ordinances should be presented to the Historic Districts Commission and discussed with City Attorney John Staran regarding the State Act and Commission decisions and appeals prior to City Council consideration. Mr. Robbins withdrew the motion, agreed to by Mr. Dalton.

The proposed ordinance amendments were postponed to a future Agenda.

12. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss before Council, President Gaber adjourned the meeting at 11:27 .m.

Complete proceedings recorded in the Official Minutes Books on file in the office of the City Clerk and by this reference is made a part hereof.

JOHN GABER, President
Rochester Hills City Council

BEVERLY A. JASINSKI, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills

SHARON A. SALVADOR
Administrative Assistant
to the City Clerk

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS



AGENDA ITEM # 10C
2/17/99 CC mtg

DATE: January 28, 1999

TO: City Council Members

RE: Communications Committees

John Gaber, City Council President

The establishment of the new City Council Committees at our January 27, 1999 meeting means that the specific "Standing" Committees of the City Council, which are appointed by the entire City Council, are changing. As a result of this action, it is the intent that the City Council no longer directly appoint members to the previous Standing Committees (Road, Liquor, Salary and Budget & Finance) but to the newly formed Committees.

Proposed changes to the City Council's Rules of Procedures to implement these changes in appointing responsibility are being presented to you in accordance with the process for amending the Rules of Procedure. Formal action of these proposed amendments will be considered at the February 17, 1999 meeting.

In the meantime, the members of the Communications Committee will be pulling together the necessary resolutions, policies, ordinances or other actions that Council would need to adopt to fully implement the change in the committee structure. The goal for this effort is to have as many of these other changes as possible ready for City Council's consideration at the February 17, 1999 meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Resolution 1999-0048

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